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SUBJ: NUMBER OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS IN IRAN

1. WE HAVE NOTED IN TRANSCRIPTS OF AWACS HEARINGS, AND NEWS REPORTS, STATEMENTS THAT THERE ARE 30,000 AMERICAN DEFENSE CONTRACTORS IN IRAN AND SUGGESTIONS THAT THIS NUMBER COULD GROW TO 50,000 BY THE END OF DECADE. THESE STATISTICS ARE GENERALLY CITED BY THOSE OPPOSING THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION AS CAUSE FOR ALARM SINCE THEY COULD BECOME "HOSTAGES". THESE STATISTICS, WHICH ARE NOT ACCURATE, APPEAR TO HAVE GONE UNCHALLENGED. WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL NOT ONLY TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, BUT ALSO TO BEAR THE FACTS IN MIND IN ANY FUTURE TESTIMONY ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. AS DEPT IS AWARE THE EMB UNDERTOOK A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE AMERICAN RESIDENT COMMUNITY IN IRAN EARLY LAST AUTUMN. WE FOUND THAT IT NUMBERED SOME 30,000, OF WHICH SOME 5,860 WERE DEFENSE CONTRACTOR PRINCIPALS. OUR UPDATING OF THIS SURVEY LAST MONTH SHOWS 5,880 PRINCIPALS. THUS, FOR THE BETTER PART OF THE PAST YEAR THE DEFENSE CONTRACTOR COMMUNITY HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY STABLE. SINCE FUTURE ARMS SALES,
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DEFENSE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES, AND TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS CANNOT NOW BE KNOWN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE FUTURE PROJECTIONS OF THE DEFENSE CONTRACTOR POPULATION. NEVERTHELESS, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, WE CAN FORESEE THAT INCREASES AS A RESULT OF NEW ACTIVITY WOULD BE MORE OR LESS OFFSET BY DECREASES AS IRAN ACHIEVES SELF-SUFFICIENCY

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IN OLDER PROGRAMS AND, IN ANY EVENT, THE FIGURE OF
50,000 MOST COMMONLY CITED IS A GROSS EXAGGERATION.
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